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LETTER

Written to the

French King,

By the

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The

ARCH-Biſhops

And the

BISHOPS,

Together with the other Eccleſiaſticks, appointed by the Clergy of *France*, aſſembled at St. *Germains en Laye*.

About the laſt Breve of the POPE, upon the Subject of the Regale.

Printed. 15 July 1680

Sire,

WE have underſtood, to our great grief and ſorrow, that our Holy Father the POPE hath written a Breve to your Majeſty, by which he doth not only exhort and require you not to ſub-

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* *The Soveraign Patronage of the Arch-Biſhopricks, Biſhopricks, Abbeys, and other Benefices of Royal Foundation, due unto the King of* France, *and adherent unto his Perſon, in the right of his Crown, and therefore not to be transfer'd, committed, or alienated unto any other, and hereby he hath the Profits of them during vacancy, and the Proviſion, Collation, and Preſentation of Succeſſors unto them.*

THey do alſo indeavour what they can to ſtir up a miſ-underſtanding between the Prieſthood and the Royalty, and that at ſuch a time, when they have more reaſon than ever to preſerve a perfect Union, by the Protection you give to the Faith, to the Eccleſiaſtical Diſcipline, and to the Liberties of the Gallican Church, which are ſo much the more dear to your Majeſty, as they are the Inheritance of your Crown, and the Patrimony of your Children. Your Majeſty will be pleaſed to remember, that the Pope hath not yet declared himſelf upon the Affair of the Regale, and that he hath not ſo much as ſent any Bull into France, to inveſt any Perſon whatſoever with any Benefice whatſoever

and to the extirpation of Hereſies and Novelties. It is very eaſie for us, Sire, being ſupported by your Majeſty, to prevent ſo pernicious and fatal an Evil, either by making known our Sentiments to his Holineſs, with obſerving that reſpect that is due to him, or by taking up Reſolutions commenſurate to the Prudence and the Zeal of the greateſt Prelates of the Church. Our Predeceſſors very well underſtood upon the like conjunctures how to maintain the Liberties of their Churches, without departing from thoſe Meaſures of reſpect which their Birth and their Religion have inſpired into them for KINGS: And as your Majeſty, Sire, ſurpaſſes by your Zeal and your Authority all thoſe that have been before you, we are ſo ſtrictly ingaged and fixt to it, that nothing is capable of effecting any ſeparation from it. This Proteſtation being ſufficient to deceive the vain enterprizes and attempts of the Enemies of the Holy-See, and the State, we deſire to renew it to your Majeſty with all the ſincerity and the affection as is poſſible for us, it being fit that all the world ſhould be informed, that we do right well underſtand, as we ought, how to make that love we bear to the Diſcipline of the Church agree with the glorious quality which we will ſtudy ever to preſerve,

Sire,

Of your moſt humble, moſt Obedient, moſt Faithful, and moſt Obliged Servants and Subjects; the Archbiſhops, Biſhops, and other the Eccleſiaſticks appointed by the Clergy of your Kingdom.

† The Arch-Biſhop of *Paris*, Duke and Peer of *France*, Commander of the Orders of the King; Proviſor of *Sorbonne*, Preſident.

† *De Grignan*, Coadjutor of *Arles*.

† *Phelippeaux*, Patriarch Arch-Biſhop of *Bourges*.

† *Hyacinte*, Arch-Biſhop of *Alby*.

† *Francois*, Biſhop of *Amiens*.

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† G. Biſhop of *Perigueux.*
† *Charles Francois,* Biſhop of *Conſtance.*
† *S. De Guemadeut,* Biſhop of *S. Malo.*
† *L. M.* Biſhop, Duke of *Langres.*
† *Jean Louis* Biſhop of *Air.*
† *J. B. M. Colbert,* Biſhop of *Montaubon.*
† *Louis Aube,* Biſhop of *Grace.*
† The Biſhop of *Ciſteron.*
† *Poncet de la Riviere,* Biſhop and Earl of *Uzez.*
† *Andre,* Biſhop of *Auxerre.*
† *Louis Alphonce,* Biſhop *Dallet,* Proctor.
De Grance.
De Tonnerre.
De Coetlogon.
De Villars.
De Broglio.
Phelippeaux.
De Marillat, Dean of S. *John de Lion.*
De Fleury.
De Viens.
De Gouriues.
Cheron.
De Ventimille du luc.
J. le Gentil.
De Moncaſſin.
De S. Valier.
Boucaut.
Des Mareſts, Agent General of the Clergy of *France.*
De Beſons, Agent General of the Clergy of *France.*

By our Lords of the General Aſſembly,

From S. Germins en Laye, *this* 10th *of* July 1680.

The Abbot *de Grignan,* nominated by the King to the Biſhoprick of *Eureux,* Secretary.

FINIS.